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John Muller, Chair  
San Francisco Bay Regional  
Water Quality Control Board  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Muller and Members of the Board:

I am writing to supplement my previous letter for the formal comment record for the pending Municipal Regional Permit (MRP).

To ensure the effectiveness of this MRP, I would like to offer further recommendations to the Water Board. First, communication with the permittees is essential. Please work to be as clear as possible regarding a city's ability to exercise discretion about how standards are met and note when prescriptiveness by the Board is necessary. Second, build in mechanisms that take into account current economic realities, as permitted, without negating the intent and value of the permit.

These approaches will help create feasible restrictions and enforceable reductions on trash and other pollutants flowing into the San Francisco Bay.

Thank you for your consideration.

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